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- The majority of the delivered Soviet aircraft, with regard to the restrictive stipulations of the peace treaty, were stored at the airfields of BOBRICH (R 53/54/K 04), TELISH (B 2/G 12), GORNA ORKHOVITSA (B 3/N 39) and DOLNA MITROPOLIA (B 2/G 34). They were parked in hangars and covered with tarpaulins, and were checked once a month by technical personnel. No other person had access to them. About 40 Yak-9s were parked at the TELISH field in late 1946 and IL-2s at the DOLNA MITROPOLIA field.
- A protest of the Allied signatory powers to the Bulgarian peace treaty was made public about January 1947. In this note, Bulgaria was reproached with a breach of the military stipulations of the peace treaty. The Bulgarian Minister of Defense, at a press conference, asserted that Bulgaria had fulfilled these stipulations. Anticipating a possible investigation by an Allied Control Commission, an undetermined number of Soviet planes were transferred to Yugoslavia. They took off from DOBRICH, TELISH, DOLNA MITROPOLIA, GRAF-IGNATIEVO (B 12/A 41), BALCHIK (B 6/K 32) and YAMBOL (B 14/B 93) airfields. In air force circles it was said that these planes were transferred to NISH (Y 39/K 24), SKOPJE (Y 49/C 70), and BELGRADE. It was not known whether they were later returned to Bulgaria.

Comment:

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No other information has been received on Soviet aircraft deliveries to Bulgaria.

Relative to the alleged transfer of the delivered aircraft to Yugoslavia, reference is made to the Comment of the previous report.

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